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HOLLAND entering into a negociation for a ſeparate peace, affords ſuch a proſpect of extraordinary events, with regard to themſelves, and their relative concerns with other nations, as will demand all the notice we can poſſibly give to their politics.

TURKEY having ſent her Ambaſſador to this Court, indicates a ſyſtem of mutual intercourſe between the two countries, that naturally attracts all political obſervers, and therefore, claims our immediate attention.

AUSTRIA being determined to proſecute the war againſt France, renders her politics and military operations moſt eſſential to be known by us, as a people who muſt ſhare in her ſucceſſes or diſaſters.

SWEDEN, DENMARK, and the PETTY STATES of ITALY, will occasionally afford matter of such importance, as to require insertion in *The Register of the Times*. But as their concerns are not on the fore-ground of the political tablature of Europe, it will not be necessary to direct our attention, unremittingly, to their occurrences. We shall, however, carefully avoid omitting whatever may happen in the above kingdoms and states, that is essential information.

GREAT BRITAIN being determined to continue a war, in which the interests of all are involved, and on which opinions of all parties are agitating, never was a moment teeming with events so important to the public as the present period.

Another subject of deep concern to the nation, is, the apprehensions that are avowedly entertained by those in power, of a conspiracy still existing to overturn the Government, and establish the sanguinary system of France, on the ruins of our peace, property, and prosperity. Although the late trials have convinced us there exists no cause for such dismaying alarms, yet, as faithful friends to the Constitution, and to the happiness of the people, we pledge ourselves to publish, whatever may happen, that can tend to warn our fellow citizens in time, to avert impending dangers; and, as we consider that unfounded alarms, destroy the mutual confidence of society, unnerve industry, depress emulation, and alienate all affectionate ties between the subject and his native country, equal care will be taken to insert every evidence that may evince the safety of the State and the people.

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